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SUBJ: NARCOTICS-INCB PROPOSED VISIT TO INDIA, NEPAL AND POSSIBLY
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1. DITTERT (INCB SECRETARY) REPORTS THAT INCB PRESIDENT GREENFIELD HAS NOW DECIDED, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT GOVTS CONCERNED, THAT HIS/DITTERT'S VISIT TO INDIA AND NEPAL SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN EARLY DEC. NOTES THAT VISIT MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE HONG KONG AND PAKISTAN BUT THIS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. DITTERT COMMENTS THAT TIMING IN CASE OF INDIA SEEMS TO HIM PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE. NOTES INTER ALIA THIS CONNECTION THAT BY DECEMBER INCB WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS REPORT FOR 1973 AND HE AND GREENFIELD WILL HAVE MUCH BETTER GLOBAL VIEW OF NARCOTICS SITUATION, INCLUDING QUESTION OF MEDICAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AS BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSING WITH GOI BOTH
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INDIA'S OPIUM PRODUCTION LEVEL AND ADEQUACY ITS CONTROL

SYSTEM TO PREVENT LEAKAGE INTO THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC.

2. DITTERT MENTIONS THAT GREENFIELD HAS RECEIVED REPORT (APPARENTLY FROM PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURER) THAT GOI INTENDS TO INCREASE ITS OPIUM PRODUCTION IN 1974 BY 30 PERCENT AND HAS ASKED DITTERT TO CHECK THIS OUT. DITTERT, WHO NOTES HE STRONGLY DOUBTS REPORT IS TRUE, IS REQUESTING INFO RE PROPOSED PRODUCTION FOR 1974 FROM GOI THROUGH INDIAN INCB MEMBER KRISHANMOORTHY.

3. FOR KATHMANDU: DITTERT RECALLS THAT INCB INVITATION VISIT NEPAL WAS EXTENDED ORALLY LAST MAY BY NEPALESE HEALTH MINISTER SINGH SUWAL (SEE REFTTEL). BEFORE TAKING UP PROPOSED TIMING OF INCB VISIT WITH GON, DITTERT WOULD LIKE KNOW WHETHER SINGH SUWAL IS STILL HEALTH MINISTER. PLEASE ADVISE.

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